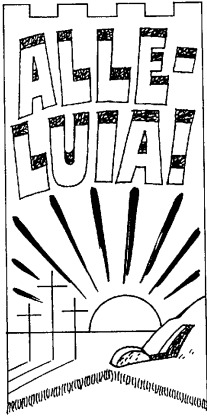




Jesus Our Risen Lord – Light in our Darkness



The season of Easter invites us to rise to something of a new vision. A new way of looking and seeing. Of all the Easters we have been blessed to share with loved ones, neighbours and friends, this year is one we will remember for a long time. Who would have thought we would find ourselves where we are? None of us would. It's hard sometimes to see beyond the present, which seems to be all consuming of our hearts, emotions and yes our spirits.

But we are blessed with hope, life and love. Isn't there something great when we find ourselves reaching out to others in ways we would never have thought of before. Even technology has come to our rescue. There is good to be found in places and people we may have missed before all of this. The Easter gospel is one of hope, life and love too. Let's share the blessing and give thanks for those who are stretching above and beyond for the sake of so many. Easter blessings of peace and the fullness of hope upon us all.

Many thanks to SuperValu, Gerry's, C & T's and Eurospar for helping with the distribution of our bulletins.

Fr. Melvyn

The Psalms: The Prayer Book of Jesus

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (119:105)

In these challenging times, it can be difficult to pray. However, help is at hand if we turn to the book of Psalms. There are 150 psalms in the Old Testament and each one is an independent unit. The psalms are hymns and prayers to God that cover the whole range of human experience, from happiness to despair. They give expression to every sentiment of the human heart, from joy and adoration to fear and despair.

The dominant idea of the Psalter is that the Lord reigns; God is supreme and sovereign; He is in control of heaven and earth, and He disposes all things for the good of His creatures, especially the people of the Covenant. The fundamental idea is dependence on God for life, food and security. The most important theological concept in the psalms is that of God's 'steadfast' or 'unfailing' love. God in the psalms is no tyrant - He is compassionate, gracious, loving and faithful. On this Easter day, let us turn to the psalms in our moments of joy and despair, as they will help us express what we are feeling in our hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end (117:1-2)

(Adapted from Inside the Bible by Kenneth Baker, S.J.)

Fr. James

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✠ **Sat 11th April 8pm:** Jean Rice (month's mind)
Margaret Tully, Tommy Dixon, Dermot Mulholland
- ✠ **Sun 12th April 9.30am:** Philip Egan
- ✠ **Sun 12th April 11am:** Sean D'Arcy, Joe Clinton, Richard & Margaret Dunne, Michael Chance
- ✠ **Wed 15th April 11am:** James Fanning
- ✠ **Thurs 16th April 11am:** Patrick Kennedy
- ✠ **Sat 18th April 6pm:** Rona Ivory (1st anniv.)
Eugene Ivory, Barry Morris, Esther Bolger, David Gilsenan, Steve & Barry Duff
- ✠ **Sun 19th April 9.30am:** Joe Coleman (1st anniv.)
Bree Grimes, Mary McGirl
- ✠ **Sun 19th April 11am:** Helen Beggs Dunne,
Willie & Kitty Beggs, Tom McDonald & deceased members of the McDonald family.

Tune in to Mass on our Parish Radio 87.5 FM
Or webcam: www.stpatricksskerries.ie

Holy Saturday - 11th April

10am Morning Prayer
8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 12th April

Masses 9.30am & 11am.

Easter Week

Monday 13th – Saturday 18th Morning Mass 11am

OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Hughie Marry, Sherlock Park, Colette Nugent, Shenick Park, Patrick (Sonny) Rooney, Barnageeragh Road and Gabrielle Pratt who died recently. May they rest in peace.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Hi ladies and gents. Thinking of you and hoping you are all smiling in this beautiful weather. Take up knitting, colouring, reading and gentle exercise every day. Get out in the garden.

Ring **085 812 8509** if you need food or medicine.

COVID -19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Self-Isolation Skerries Volunteer Group

If you are self isolating or home alone & unable to go to the shops or chemists the above group are here to help you. They are a group of local Skerries residents, working with the Skerries Community Association & Age Friendly Skerries. They can help you with shopping service/collection & prescription collection. Please text or call: **085 81 28 509**

083 01 05 946

Phone lines are open from 8am to 8pm.

HSE HELPLINE

Call save: **1850 24 1850**

Phone: **041 685 0300**

Mon - Fri 8am – 8pm & Sat & Sun 10am – 5pm

www.hse.ie

THE SAMARITANS

Available round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call on the phone. This number is FREE to call.

Tel: **116 123** Email: samaritans.org

SENIOR LINE

Is a national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on **1800 80 45 91**.

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Helpline **01- 890 5000** with the lines open from 9am to 5pm seven days a week.

E-mail: - covidsupport@fingal.ie

ADVOCATE COLLECTION FOR SUNSHINE HOUSE



Because of the Covid 19 outbreak, it was not possible to have our annual collection this year and, of course, for the present, plans to host children in Balbriggan have been put on hold. However, we are still in need of funds, as we have several ideas to make possible "special party days" in the future. Please make your usual contribution this year on line sunshine.east@svp.ie to help us make happy memories for children who would not normally get a summer break.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Clodagh Gavin, Colm O'Laoi, Christopher Ferguson & Cian O'Brien
- It was Easter week and Stations of the Cross through the streets was being organised with pupils from the College playing the main roles
- Joe Mulligan from Beau Piers was presented with his gold pin by the Pioneers Association

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Zingo: We had no Jackpot or Dividend Winner this week. Result: 5-4-7-3-2-1-6. Next week's Jackpot is a cool **€3,000** for match 7 and the Dividend is **€350** for match 4. Next Draw will take place on **Sunday 12th April**. You can buy a ticket online at www.skerriesharps.ie and follow the links. Entries only €2 each or 3 for €5. We appreciate the continued support for this fundraiser.

Please be advised that, in line with recent government announcements, Skerries Harps facilities will remain closed until further notice. This includes the use of all pitches and property for recreational purposes, including walking, casual games or gatherings. We respectfully request that the public obey this ruling. As a result, our planned Easter Camp & Easter Schools Hurling & Camogie Tournament are cancelled. Hopefully our Summer Camps in July/August will get the go ahead!

Happy Easter to all our Club members, supporters and sponsors – remember that Membership Fees may be paid online. Stay safe!

